

HO-799, House
9525 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel
Howard County
Ca. 1891
Private

CAPSULE SUMMARY

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic House

other

2. Location

street and number 9525 Baltimore Avenue not for publication

city, town Laurel vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George Barnard

street and number 9525 Baltimore Avenue telephone

city, town Laurel state MD zip code 20723

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: Map 50, P425

city, town Ellicott City liber 3452 folio 663

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The two-story, three-bay frame house has a gable and wing form with a tower on the front of the house in the ell. The house rests on a stone foundation and is covered with asbestos siding though the clapboards apparently remain underneath. On the front (west) façade, the front door is located in the central bay on the first story of the tower. The second story of the tower features one 1/1 wood window. To the left of the door, in the gable front section, there are paired 1/1 wood windows on both the first and second stories and smaller paired one-light windows (possibly awning type) in the gable. To the right of the door in the wing section there is a door on the first story and a 1/1 window on the second story. The front door is a flush door with a 6-light sidelight on the left and neither feature is original. The door in the wing section is also flush with a sidelight and is not original. All of the windows are covered with exterior aluminum storm windows but the 1/1 wood windows are probably original to the house. Exterior window trim is simple and beaded.

Many great original decorative details remain on the house. A single story wrap around porch curves around the front of the house. Turned porch supports, corner brackets, a spindle frieze and carved corner blocks are all indicative of the Queen Anne era. A pediment on the porch over the steps features a sawn sunburst design. The balustrade is currently solid but was probably not so originally. The wood floored porch originally rested on brick piers but the spaces between the piers have since been filled with concrete block. The gables and the top of the tower feature patterned shingles (triangle, fish scale, and hexagonal) and half-timbered details. The tower has a pyramidal roof with flared eaves. According to the current owner, there used to be a small circular window on the front of the tower roof that has since been covered over. The entire house features wide, open eaves with exposed rafter tails and a wide band of cornice trim with brackets and sawn corner details.

The north side façade of the house features many of the same decorative details as the front of the house. The façade is three bays wide and the middle bay is projecting with a cross gable. The second story has two sets of paired 1/1 windows and a single window opening that has been closed towards the rear. The first story is the same except that the rear single window is open but reduced in size. The projecting bay also has 1/1 windows on the first and second story on both the east and west sides of the bay. The cross gable features the same patterned shingles, half-timbering, and paired small windows as the front gable. An interior brick chimney is located on the exterior wall in front of the projecting bay. A two story gabled wing is located on the back of the house. The second story of this section is blank and the first story has a one story shed roofed extension that comes out so that it is flush with the rest of the north façade of the house. There is a small rectangular window on this first story extension.

On the south side façade, the tower has one window on the second floor and one on the first. The second floor window is 1/1 wood like the rest of the house but the first floor window looks like a sidelight with five vertically aligned fixed lights. The side wing has paired 1/1 windows on the first and second floors. The rear wing has a single 1/1 window on the second floor and a single story shed roofed addition off the first floor which rests on a concrete foundation. This façade has the same decorative details as the rest of the house – wide cornice trim, shingles and half timbering in the gable and on the upper part of the tower, and small paired windows in the gable. There is also a window in the stone foundation of the side wing.

The rear façade and the interior of the house were not accessible.

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The house is in largely original condition with regard to its exterior details but many of those details are in a deteriorated condition, and the porch, in particular, is failing badly.

The surrounding yard is very small and contains two modern frame sheds that are not considered potentially significant historic resources.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates ca. 1891

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates ca. 1891

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Deed research on the property at 9525 Baltimore Avenue revealed that the subdivision of North Laurel was first platted in 1891 and revised in 1893. George W. Cissel, who owned the 103 acres on which the subdivision was created, entered into an agreement with a company called Gordon and Brothers to survey and subdivide his land. Gordon and Brothers did just that, producing a plat that delineated 12 different blocks each containing between 30 and 50 individual lots. Deed research revealed that the house at 9525 Baltimore Avenue sits on Lot 18 Block 4, a site in the northeast corner of the subdivision. In 1891, Cissel formalized his verbal agreement with Gordon and Brothers and named Job Barnard as his trustee to manage his interest in the property, dispose of lots and collect money on his behalf. In 1901, Barnard sold Lot 18 Block 4 along with many other lots to Owen Duffy. The deed from Barnard to Duffy indicates that the house was already standing at the time of the sale – the property is described as “Lot 18 with the 9-room cottage thereon in Block 4.” Who exactly built the house is unclear. Its precise location on a single corner lot facing a major crossroads in the subdivision suggests that it was built after the subdivision had been surveyed and platted out which occurred in 1891 and the 1901 deed for the sale of the property indicates that it was already standing at that point. During that 10-year period, Cissel actually owned the property but Barnard was in full control of it and it is possible that Barnard built the house at 9525 Baltimore Avenue for himself. The house’s fairly large size and elaborate ornamentation seem to suggest that the house was built as a primary dwelling and not simply for rental income.

Whoever it was built for, the house at 9525 Baltimore Avenue is an important intact example of a ca.1890 Queen Anne dwelling. The curving wrap around porch with its spindle frieze, turned supports and sunburst motif in the pediment, the shingle and half timbering detail in the gables, the tower inset into the ell of the gable and wing form, and the wide decorative cornice are all representative of the Queen Anne style and it is significant that all of these elements still exist and have not been covered or replaced with modern materials. It is also significant that the house is sited in a late 19th century subdivision. The memorandum of agreement between Isabel and Henry Gordon and Owen Duffy permitting Duffy the use of the water system and the windmill on the lot across the street from Lot 18 Block 4 indicates that a semi-central water system was shared by at least several members of the community and provides an interesting glimpse at an aspect of the early subdivision that is long gone. The rise of the Queen Anne style in architecture and the rise of the subdivision in community planning often went hand in hand as the two emphasized the inherent goodness in nature, home and family versus the evil influences of work and cities. Queen Anne style houses were also often built using a balloon framing technique and mass machine manufactured decorative details which allowed houses to be built quickly from stock components, and reduced the level of skill necessary on the part of the builder. The modern subdivisions of

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today have their roots in the Queen Anne subdivisions of the late 19th century, and the house at 9525 Baltimore Avenue and the North Laurel subdivision as a whole are significant reminders of the historic nature of this 'modern' trend.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property approx. 1/4

Acreage of historical setting approx 1/4

Quadrangle name Laurel

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 18 Block 4 on the plat of North Laurel. Tax map 50, Parcel 425.

11. Form Prepared By

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date 9/23/03

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state MD zip code 21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville MD 21032
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Howard County Land Records, Howard County Courthouse, Ellicott City. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios.

Plat of North Laurel. Originally filed in the Howard County Land Records Liber 57, Folio 569, revised plat filed in Liber 60, Folio 643. Removed from the land records and filed in the Plat Books in the Howard County Land Records office, Plat Book 3, Folio 53.

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Laurel, Howard County

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANSACTION	COMMENTS
Thomas J. and Dawn P. Archibald		George A. Barnard		March 1, 1995	3452	663	Deed	Lot 18, Block 4 in the North Laurel subdivision, 11,123 square feet. See plats recorded in L60, F643 and L57, F569. Same property conveyed in L520, F184.
Roland F. Stickley and Evelyn (former wife, now deceased) and Thelma Stickley, present wife	Howard	Thomas J. and Dawn Archibald		Oct. 18, 1969	520	184	Deed	Lot 18, Block 4 in North Laurel subdivision, 11,123 sq. ft. See L345, F315.
Lawrence D. Overman, widower	Howard	Roland F. and Evelyn F. Stickley		Dec. 18, 1959	345	315	Deed	Lot 18, Block 4 in North Laurel. See L217, F396.
James B. and Mary Elizabeth Smith	Howard	Lawrence D. and Ruby Ann Overman		May 28, 1952	233	44	Deed	Lot 18, Block 4 in North Laurel, 11,123 sq. ft.
Bicilius H. Schmidt, unmarried	Howard	James Bernard and Mary Elizabeth Smith		May 13, 1950	217	396	Deed	Lot 18, Block 4 in North Laurel. 11,123 sq. ft. See L165, F312.
Andrew S. Steelman, unmarried	Baltimore City	Bicilius H. and Katherine Schmidt	Howard	Dec. 14, 1939	165	312	Deed	Lot 18, Block 4 in North Laurel. Lot improved with a two story dwelling. Being one of the lots conveyed in L118, F108 by Della Ziler.

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Della G. Ziler, wife of George Ziler	Washington D.C.	Andrew G. Steelman	Baltimore City	April 23, 1923	118	108	Deed	Multiple lots in the North Laurel subdivision, including Lot 18, Block 4. Deeded from C. Hugh Duffy to George Terry Aug. 5, 1921.
Terry (?)		Ziler (?)						Not found.
Charles Hugh Duffy and wife Margaret	Washington D.C.	George E. Terry		Aug. 5, 1921	114	526	Deed	Multiple lots in North Laurel including Lot 18, Block 4. Conveyed to C. Hugh Duffy by Louis T. Clark by deed recorded prior hereto. Part of the land owned by Owen E. Duffy, father of C. Hugh Duffy, at his death as described in deed to Eugene Callan Duffy from Rowena Duffy et.al.- L96, F537.
Louis T. Clark, Assignee		C. Hugh Duffy		May 25, 1921	114	524	Deed	Louis T. Clark as assignee for two mortgages from Eugene Callan Duffy (see L99, F300 and L107, F104) sells to C. Hugh Duffy all the property conveyed under those mortgages for \$6500.

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Eugene Callan Duffy and wife Frances	Howard	Louis T. Clark		March 20, 1919	107	104	Mortgage	Duffy owes Clark \$3500 for property conveyed by Clark to Duffy so he mortgages the property. Property includes all lots conveyed to Duffy in L96 F537 and property conveyed to Clark by Donaldson and Duffy in L102, F352 which Clark conveyed back to Duffy in L107, F103. Duffy promises to insure the improvements on the property for at least \$5000 to protect interest of Clark.
Eugene Callan Duffy and wife Eleanor		Charles C. Ridgeley and Rachel T. Ridgeley, wife		June 11, 1915	99	300	Mortgage	Ridgeleys loaned Duffy \$2000 and in return Duffy mortgaged property to them. The property consists of all those lots conveyed to Duffy by Rowena Duffy et.al. in L96, F537 excepting Blocks 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, and 11. Duffy promises to insure the improvements on the land for at least \$2500. This mortgage was assigned to Louis T. Clark, attorney for the Ridgeleys, Jan. 26, 1921.

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Rowena Duffy, unmarried, Theresa Perkins, widow, and C. Hugh Duffy and wife Margaret		Eugene Callan Duffy		March 10, 1913	96	537	Deed	Owen Duffy, father of the Grantors and Grantee, died intestate possessed of a large amount of property. Children are distributing his real estate in accordance with his wishes. Eugene Duffy gets multiple lots in North Laurel including Lot 18, Block 4.
Job Barnard, Trustee under a Deed of Trust from George Cissel et al.		Owen E. Duffy	Washington D.C.	March 9, 1901	73	380	Deed	Multiple lots in North Laurel subdivision including "Lot 18 with the 9-room cottage thereon in Block 4."
Isabel Gordon and Henry Gordon		Owen E. Duffy		March 9, 1901	73	383	Memorandum of Agreement	Gordons agree to allow Duffy ("owner of Lot 18 Block 4 opposite Lot 41 Block 6 North Laurel") "the use of the water as now connected...The owner of said Lot 18 to pay one half the expense of repair to and maintenance of the windmill, well, pump, and appurtenances as now located on said Lot 41 outside of the buildings on said Lot 41."

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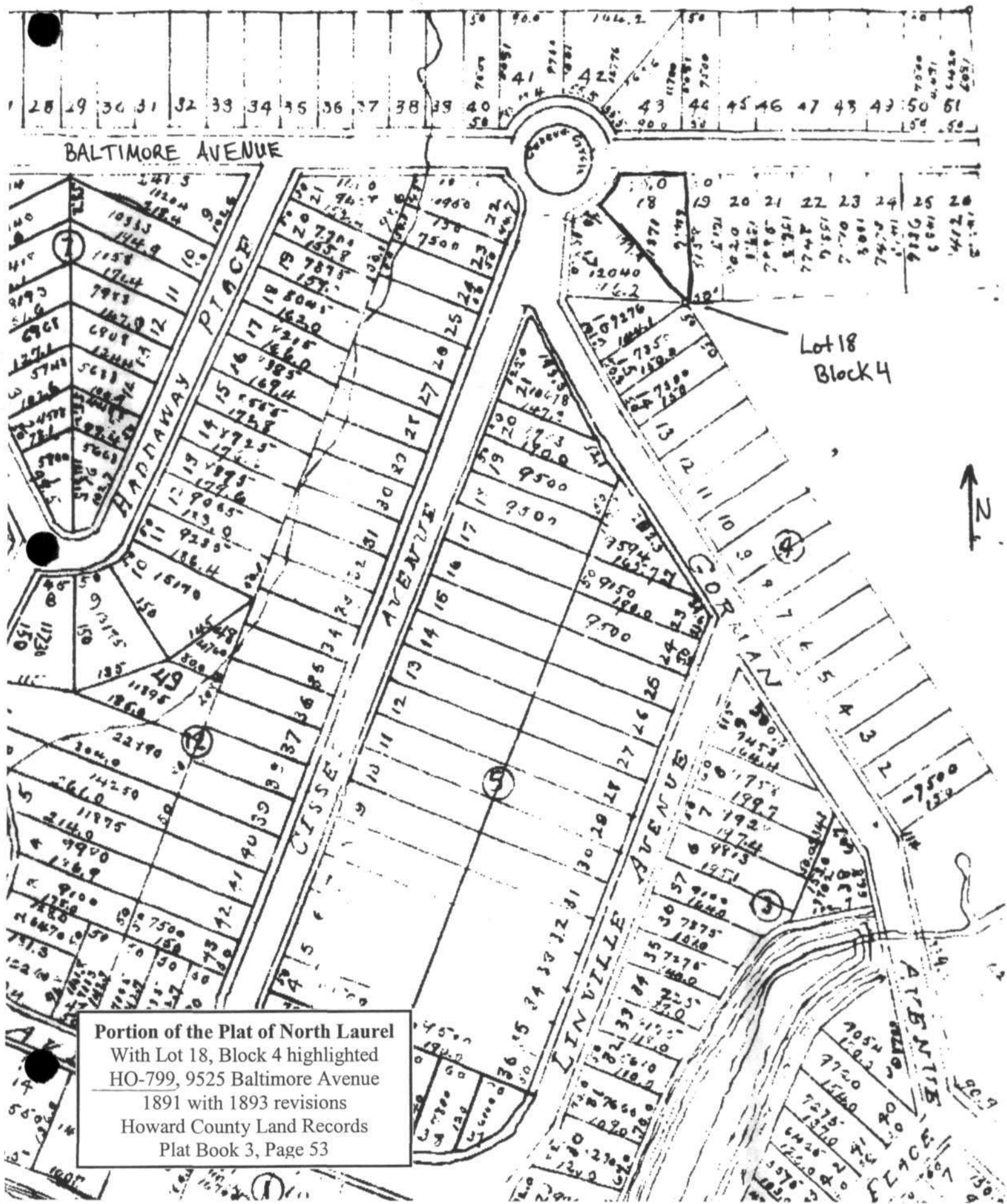
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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANSACTION	COMMENTS
George W. Cissel and Harry and Fulton Gordon ("Gordon and Brothers")	Washington D.C.	Job Barnard, Trustee	Washington D.C.	Sept. 10, 1891	57	569	Deed	Cissell entered into a verbal agreement with Gordon and Brothers to survey, subdivide, and sell lots of his 103 acre property. The property was so surveyed and subdivided and lots were being sold but Cissel was not getting his share of the money and clear deeds to the lots were not being provided to the purchasers. So this deed puts in writing the agreement and names Job Barnard as Trustee to manage the property for Cissell. Cissell is owed \$35,000 plus interest for the land. If Gordon and Brothers defaults, then Barnard is authorized to sell the land. For Cissels acquisition of land see L30, F532.

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John Waters and wife Elizabeth, Joseph Childs and wife Sarah, Thomas B. Cissell, Benjamin Cissell and wife Mary, Charles Cissell and wife Susan, and William Cissell and wife Mary	Montgomery and Washington D.C.	George W. Cissell	Washington D.C.	Dec. 8, 1870	30	532	Deed	George Cissell elects to take property in question as his portion of his late fathers, Samuel Cissell, estate. Property is determined to be worth \$8280 and is described as part of "Sappingtons Sweep." The southeast corner of the property is the northwest corner of the intersection of the north side of the Patuxent River and the west side of the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike. Most of the description of the property is on page 534 which is missing from the county records. Total acreage may be 103 1/2 acres. Samuel Cissel bought the property from Thomas Alexander and George Dobbin, Trustees.



Lot 18
Block 4



Portion of the Plat of North Laurel
With Lot 18, Block 4 highlighted
HO-799, 9525 Baltimore Avenue
1891 with 1893 revisions
Howard County Land Records
Plat Book 3, Page 53

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(CLARKSVILLE)

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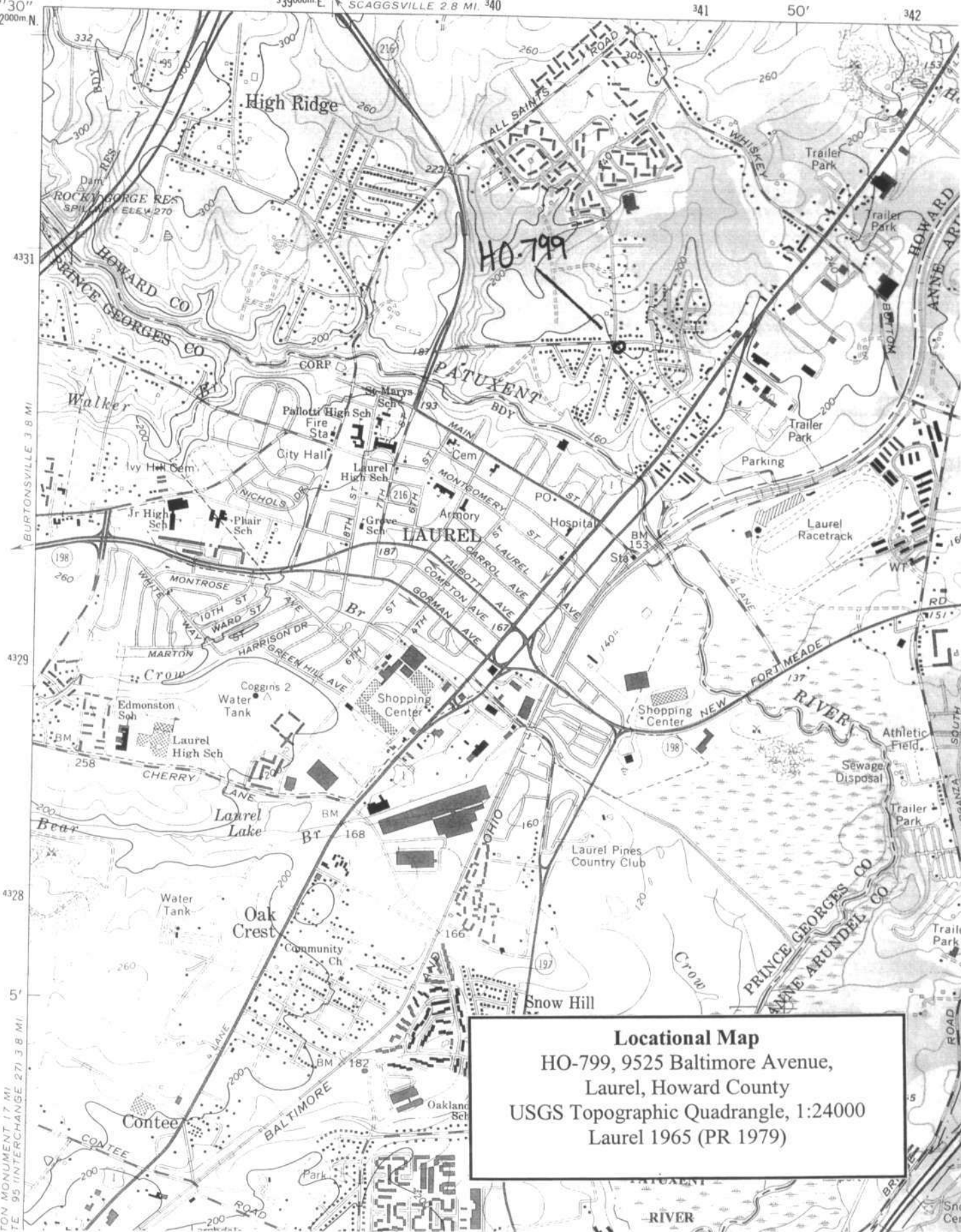
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Locational Map
HO-799, 9525 Baltimore Avenue,
Laurel, Howard County
USGS Topographic Quadrangle, 1:24000
Laurel 1965 (PR 1979)



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9525 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel

Howard County, MD

Knott Hill, 9/03

Negative at MDSHPO

Front (west) elevation

1/9

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Negative at MDSHPO

Front (west) elevation

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Negative at MDSHPD

Front (west) elevation

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Negative at MDSHPO

North elevation

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9525 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel

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Kinstin Hill, 9/03

Negative at MDSTPD

North elevation

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Kristin Hill, 9/03

Negative at MDsHPO

South elevation

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Negative at MDSHPB

Front entry and tower detail

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Kristin Hill, 9/03

Negative at MDSHPO

Porch pediment detail

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Kristin Hill, 9/03
Negative at MDSHPO
Front gable detail

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